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1. In February 1951, different military units changed their titles. Regiments composing divisions have again become "brigades". The staff of the Fourth Army, has again changed its name and become the staff of the 23rd Corps.
2. This staff is lodged in Belgisko kasarna (the Belgian barracks), which was formerly known as the barracks of Vojvoda Misic, located on the corner of Metelkova and Slomskova Streets. The military post number of the Corps is "V.P. 9685". Commander of the 23rd Corps is Major General Peter Stante. The rear-echelon commander was Lt. Colonel Ilija Deretic who, according to unverified information, was recently arrested as a Cominformist along with ten other officers.
3. In addition to the staff, the following units of the 23rd Corps are stationed in Ljubljana:
  - a. the PA (anti-aircraft) Regiment, which is lodged in the artillery barracks;
  - b. the liaison regiment, lodged in the Domobran barracks;
  - c. the engineers battalion, which was formerly a regiment, and
  - d. various units attached to the Staff of the 23rd Corps.

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**Comment:** An article appeared in the daily paper Rijecki List on 20 June 1951 concerning the formal celebration in Delnice in connection with the ninth anniversary of the founding of the First Croatian Proletarian Brigade. This article contains very interesting data which fully confirms the above report on the changes in the names of the Fourth Army Headquarters Staff, and the changes in names of the regiments which have again become brigades. The article states that the celebration was held by the present 8 Proletarian Brigade, the commander of which is Lt. Colonel Gabro Pavlovic, and that in addition to Political Commissar Sarac DzemaJla, of the 6 Proletarian Division, Corps Political Commissar Colonel Vlado Mutak was also present. During the celebration, the Commander of 8 Proletarian Brigade

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(which has been formed of the 1 Croat Proletarian Brigade) read the letters of 9 and 10 Proletarian Brigades in which the latter two sent congratulations to 8 Brigade.

25X1A ~~Comment:~~ Your attention is called to ~~the reorganization~~ of Fourth Army into 23 Corps.

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